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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, Security Committee

SUBJECT

: Draft DCID No. 1/11, Security Committee

- I have some problems with the general thrust of the draft Security Committee charter (DCID No. 1/11), since it implies that the committee will be responsible for policy aspects broader than traditional security concerns. I have serious doubts that the kinds of people who are expert on the usual security matters, such as procedures, standards, etc., can really cope with more substantive policy problems, like the effect certain releases to foreign governments would have on U.S. national security and foreign relations.
- Along these lines, I detect some inconsistency between the statements of missions and functions. The mission seems to be wholly concerned with standards, procedures and practices connected with the usual security matters like the protection and dissemination of information. Although the functions also deal with these matters, they get into broader policy issues.
- I also have problems with those portions of the charter which deal with compartmentation. The phrase "technical guidance," which appears in Attachment 3 of the draft, accurately describes what I conceive the role of the Security Committee to be with regard to compartmentation. This role should not include establishment of compartments, nor such functions as sanitization, downgrading, declassification or decontrol responsibilities. These functions I believe are more properly left to source experts.

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- 4. The objectives of the Security Committee with regard to coordination of compartmented systems can probably be met by removing the responsibilities for physical, document and personnel security of compartmented systems from COMIREX and the SIGINT Committee, while allowing them to retain source-related security functions such as sanitization and other "special use" activities. This can be accomplished by appropriate modification of the security regulations which are the responsibility of these committees.
- 5. I recommend a thorough reconsideration of the scope of the reconstituted committee, with a view to confining it to the traditional security topics.

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